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# A PRECEDENT SET

## Supervisor Committee Meets In Hunters Point-Bayview

On Monday, the 25th of April, at the Bayview Neighborhood Community Center, the Social Services Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors held what might be termed as a 'precedent meeting'. Not for almost half a century has the Board of Supervisors ever held, from what we can find, any such type of official meeting outside of City Hall.

The reactions of the community have been overwhelming for such a meeting. And, just before the close of public testimony the Committee Chairman indicated the possibility of more such meetings. Mr. McCarthy explained that the Committee wanted to follow up on hearings in the area with especially two agencies that were not heard from at the meeting, the School District and Park and Recreation.

Mr. John Dukes made it clear that the people asked the committee to come out into the Hunters Point-Bayview area. Mr. Dukes is chairman of the Anti-Poverty Area Planning Board, which takes responsibility for the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was the proposed resolution authored by Supervisor Moscone and Francois, which declared certain definite policy affecting Hunters Point War Housing Projects and the development of a Master Plan for the improvement of the Hunters Point area.

Over 35 persons spoke, 24 of whom were residents of the area. Supervisor Francois and Moscone gave the merits of their resolution, both stressing the need for community-area participation at the planning level and the "maximizing of all possible racial and economic integration".

Assemblyman Burton offered his Assembly Housing subcommittee staff to work with the community. Doris Thomas, speaking for Congressman Phil Burton endorsed the resolution and stressed the need of wide spread citizen participation. As a matter of fact, every agency spokesman and other important personage who spoke gave his or her endorsement for the resolution and pledged their organization's cooperation with the communiity in developing a master plan for the redevelopment of the entire area.

Some speakers, though, were critical especially of the Redevelopment agency. Dr. Goodlett stressed the importance of minority representation on the board of Redevelopment.

The most important testimony came from the many members of the community. As Mrs. Julia Commer put it, "We need more meetings out here of this nature!" And, such was the unanimous desire of other residents who spoke in appreciation of the Committee and of the Supervisors for bringing the meeting into the community. Another point was that the residents intend on staying in the community and have no plans to be moved or be "put into another ghetto somewhere else." Mr. Percy Pickney, an organizer and street worker for Youth for Service went so far as to warn that no matter how good a resolution is adopted, "if there is a new ghetto we'll pack up our mattresses and go sleep in City Hall."

Another youth, Mr. Milton Otis, representing the Bayview Community Center and other area youth projects, gave the most conclusive and possibly the most important statement. He pointed out the immediate need for action, to cease talking about the problems and "do something!"

Other pertinent problems aired by witnesses were lack of cooperation from the two major agencies in the City not present, the School District and Park and Recreation; discriminatory policies of a majority of unions; and the absence of Supervisor Casey, a member of the Social Services Committee.

Although everyone seems to think the resolution which will hope to bring grass roots community involvement into the planning and development of Hunters Point, not the same positive news comes concerning future meetings on an official basis with the Supervisors in the area.

Supervisor Tamaras, Board President, intends to introduce a resolution that would restrict all future such meetings to City Hall again. His motive, he states, is based on the possibility that such as the recent precedent meeting will open up the future necessity for meetings in other areas of the City. Supervisor Francois also agrees that all such meetings should only be held, as they have in the past, in City Hall, and "not in the best interest" to do otherwise for official meetings. Both gentlemen feel that Board members can go out to meet in an unofficial capacity, though.

Mr. Francois further communicated his anxiety in that such meetings held in some neighborhoods might tend to work as an undue influence on the Supervisors and not to the best advantage of the entire city. He also felt that the Hunters Point-Bayview residents are not as in favor of such meetings of the Board out in the community as has been already indicated. He questions as to whether they are informed on all the disadvantages of such meetings and that the consensus of local opinion is not accurate.

# Airport In Butchertown

The company that is presently operating a dump in the Islias Creek-India Basin area, the Theo Boblett Development Corp of 275-8th Street, San Francisco, has extensive plans for the developement of the 140 acres of land in Butcher Town for a general airport. Such an airport would be used for both private and also extensive business planes, all unscheduled flights. The projected traffic would amount to one flight every two minutes, or about 5000 per month, according to Mr. Doolin of the Boblett company. All flights are expected to be visual flights, that is non-instrument, but instrument flights are "possibly" projected for the future if traffic warrents expansion. The flight patterns for take-off and landing have been slightly altered from the ones which were earlier rejected because they extended over Potrero Hill. In the new plan the take-off is to the north over the water and landing is from the east over the water also. But this plan also has an alternate for changes in the winds. This alternate calls for a takeoff to the west and a right turn which will take planes on around and over the main section of the Bayview-Hunters Point district while still climbing. And, planes will also be allowed to use this area when either unable to land, waiting, or missing the airstrip when attempting to land. The prospect therefore is that the air traffic over the immediate Hunters Pont and Silver Terrace hills will be extemely high. About 300 planes will be based at the airport.

The Federal Aviation Authority held a public hearing last Monday the 25th of April at which time the general proposal was brought up. At this hearing the FAA heard from various groups interested in the safety and community feasibility of an airport. The State Aeronautics Board gave their endorsement along with the San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce. But objections came from several representatives of the Bayview-Hunters Point area and the U.S. Navy. The Alameda Naval Air Station objected because their high speed jets on takeoff and landing wouldn't be able to see unscheduled civilian flights which are also within their general flight pattern. The Potrero Hill Residents and Homeowners Council which has long opposed any such facility was also in attendence.

Other official San Francisco agencies were in attendence but made no definite statement concerning the airport plans. City Planning for one is still in study of the matter and claims they cannot make a statement until the matter is brought before their board for approval.

Mr. Douglas Meyer of the S.F. Redevelopement agency says that they have no plans that are consistant with such an airport.

The Theo Boblett Corp. admitted that none of their plans were worked out with either city or community groups, nor do they intend in the future to cooperate on any master plan for the area with Redevelopement and the community. Their position is that such an endeavour is "private enterprise" and they see no need or obligation to concern themselves any further than what they have done.

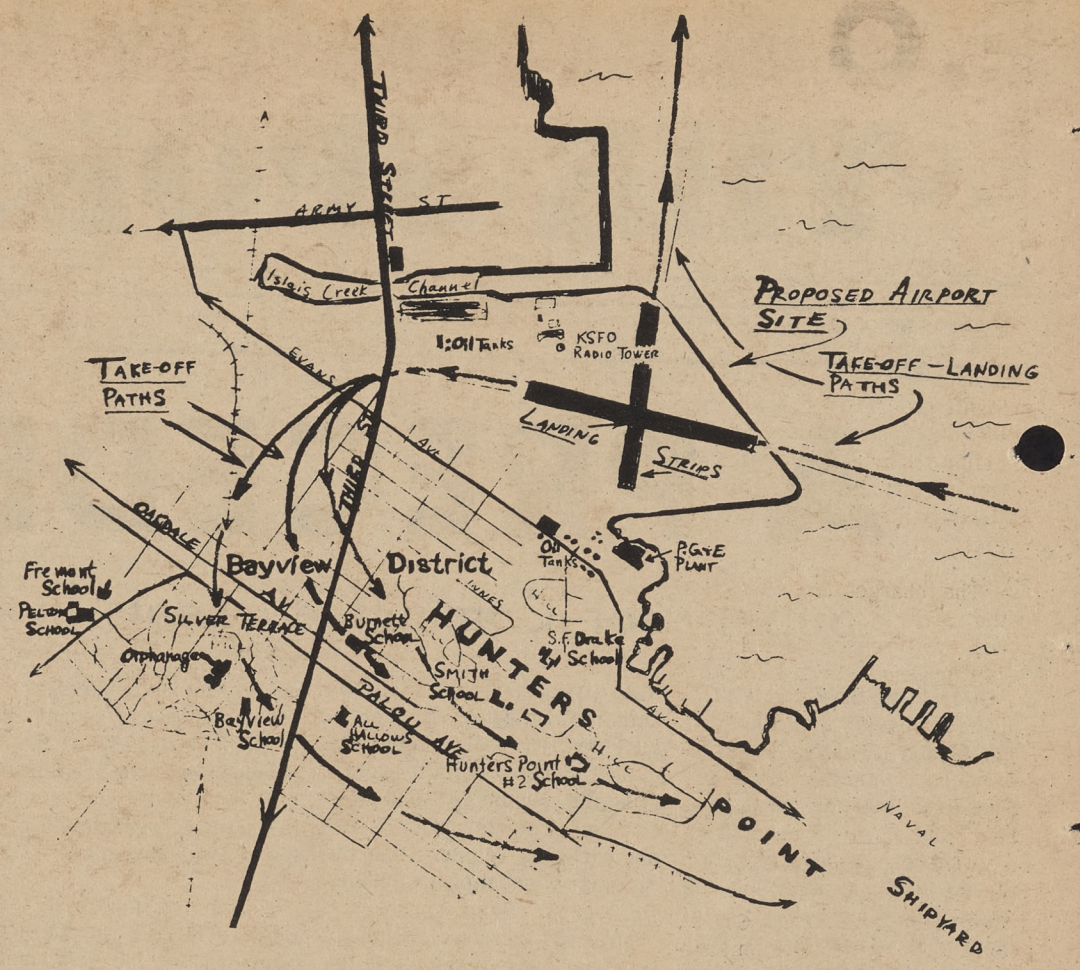
Harold Brooks, Community Organizer stated that plans will soon be under way to alert the city and local citizens concerning this proposal which has gained overnight a great deal of local opposition, because of the noise, hazards and being snubbed concerning an overall plan for an airport in the community. Plans are also being made through the Anti-Poverty office to circulate petitions on this issue.

(See Map Page 2)

# Butchertown



Cook out Winner—L.to R. Mayor Sam Jordan, Mrs. Mary C. Rivers, Marine L/CPL Neil Hoghes & Melvin Taylor, EN3. Sam Now expects more women will try out-cooking him.




*Map of Bayview-Hunters Point-Butchertown and Proposed Airport*

# There Is No Joy In Butcher Town

A quite sadness now lies over the area which surrounds the Personality Club in Butcher Town, for the Mayer has struck out. Yes, believe it or not, the greatest of Bayview chefs has gone down to defeat in a cook out (or a fry out as the case was). Sam Jordan, mighty exalted gourmet on the night of April the 20th was narrowly but conclusively defeated while using his best dish, fried chicken by none other than Mrs. Mary C. Rivers. Mrs. Rivers demonstrated a cool cooking form and humble spirit that delighted all the distinguished guests who were present. The panel of outstanding judges was also extremely satisfied and regretted the fact the Mrs. Rivers chicken too quickly disappeared between glasses of Sam's good beer.

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## Mothers Alone Working

An organization that is expected to be heard from was recently formed, Mothers Alone Working. This group of women has been fortunate enough to be off welfare, but this does not mean that the going is any easier.

The group offers women an effective voice in the development of public policies which affect them, and places special emphasis on the needs of low-income families. The group also is seeking solutions for State funds for medical aid for sick children and the lowering of taxes for working women with children as well as general rise in the wages of women.

Those interested should call 392-3884, 776 Vallejo St., San Francisco.

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# Ridge Point Church Hosts Work And Fun Exchange

While many Southern California teen-agers were hitting the beaches over the Easter holidays, 25 Senior High young people of the First Baptist Church in West Covina, Calif. decided to 'do something constructive' with their time. They offered their services for a work project at Ridge Point Church, 181 Hilltop Rd., to the Hunters Point-Bayview Ministry.

The youths arrived in a 50 passenger bus, and stayed overnight at the Methodist Church on Market St. stretching their sleeping bags on the basement floor for four nights. Their congregation and parents had donated the food that the young people cooked themselves.

The first day of the visit was Sunday, and the teenagers came to Ridge Point Church for worship. They heard and met the fast growing young peoples choir which developed from the Hunters Point youth's desire to 'do something constructive.' Both groups of young people discovered that their feelings about contributing to the community and what was fun to do were pretty much the same. A kind of budding of friendships resulted, and the West Covina group in turn hosted the Hunters Point group on a Bay Cruise after investigating Fisherman's Wharf together.

The work project itself was digging a drainage ditch agound the Church to prevent Winter rains from seeping in. The Housing Authority lent innumerable picks, shovels and wheelbarrows for the venture. And you know what happens when a little activity starts somewhere! Before long the Hunter's Point teens, the Camp Fire Girls, the Cub Scouts and everyone else in the 'Come on In' Program was there too. It didn't take long before music started . . .and among the picks and shovels there began an exchange of local dance steps. This continued for three days!

Putting the bus at the Church's disposal, it was now the Hunters Point youths who hosted the visitors. With packed lunches the two groups of teen-agers and 30 children from 7 yrs to 12 yrs squeezed into the bus.. singing and joking their way through a tour of Golden Gate Park and lunch by the Lakes. A trip to the Zoo ended the day, and a very happy one for all.

The last day of the visit the teenagers joined the 'Come On In' program participating in art projects and again, sharing dances.

One of the best things that grew out of the project is active letter exchange between the two groups. This has proven to be so much fun that the youngsters here are now exploring other areas in the country to exchange letters . . . share art work. . .and get to know other people in a person-to person way.

## Griffith Improvement Club

The Alice Griffith Improvement Club had its regular Block Club Meeting April 20, at the Bret Harte School Auditorium, located at 1035 Gilman Avenue. The Guest speaker was Mr. Couverson, Manager of the Hunters Point Housing Authority. The purpose of his presence was to discuss with the residents of Alice Griffith the possibility of more recreation space.

Mrs. Mildred Carney, chairman of the Alice Griffith Improvement Club, brought out the fact that very little space is available for the children to play. Speaking for the entire Alice Griffith Community, Mrs. Carney stated that there should be more space for recreation purposes. Presently, a gymnasium is the only thing that is available for recreation. She feels that this is not sufficient because the gymnasium only stays open approximately three hours in the evening. She stated that they would like to have something that would accommodate young people as well as the adults. They would like to see tutorial programs, more recreational sports other than basketball, which currently is the only recreation offered at the gym. After listening to the complaints and wishes of people from the Alice Griffith area, Mr. Couverson stated that he would look into the situation as soon as possible. According to Mrs. Carney the people in Alice Griffith are ready now for improvements. She states that they have waited too long already.

Mrs. Ovella Bowlegs, treasurer of the Alice Griffith Improvement Club, introduced some new features of the Planned Parenthood Program, and encouraged residents of the Alice Griffith Community to become more interested in the program in order to find out how they can be helped.

# E.O.C. Acts On Legal Assistance

The urgent need of neighborhood legal assistance program as proposed by the Economic Opportunity Council of San Francisco was dramatically highlighted this morning with the disclosure of alleged discrimination in the administration of juvenile justice through the Juvenile Court of San Francisco.

The charges voiced against the Juvenile Court Judge that he, "will release a child if he is represented by an attorney," the fact that the number of juveniles locked up has increased 25% and the courts attitude toward minorities and civil rights can be related directly to the need of the poor to have adequate legal representation.

The Economic Opportunity Council Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation proposal was originated by the people living in the four target areas as an expression of their concern for the lack of legal service provided for those with insufficient income to pay legal fees. The proposal includes the mobilization of the already existing legal community efforts plus the added services to the poor in their own neighborhoods.

San Francisco's Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation proposal was acted on and passed by the Economic Opportunity Council and sent to the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D. C. for fuding.

# Adult Education is HERE But is it Here To Stay?

Adult Education is available in the Bayview-Hunters Point Community at Burnett School, 1551 Newcomb Avenue on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights each week from 7 to 8:45 p.m.

MR. WILLIAM KAHN is the ADMINISTRATOR IN CHARGE.

Two hundred twenty nine (229) adults have attended these classes at least one night since the first night of February 28, 1966. Many have attended all four nights each week and have received Perfect Attendance Awards.

However, the dropout rate is over 50%. This means that not much more than one hundred adults attend classes each week and not more than sixty-five on any night. Thursday nights is a particularly poor night because less than forty (40) adults attend the classes.

It was thought that the interest for Adult Education in this community was higher than it appears to be at the present time.

If the attendance doesn't improve greatly between now and June it will probably mean that there will be no Adult Education in this community hereafter.

If more adults don't attend classes next week three (3) courses will be dropped because of too few adults in the classes. These are: Public Speaking on Monday night, Basic Skills for Employment Preparation on Wednesday night and Reading and Language on Thursday night.

It is not too late to show the Board of Education that the people of the Bayview-Hunters Point Community will support Adult Education.

A list of the Courses and the nights they are available follows:

Monday: Basic Sills I, Elementary Arithmetic. Basic Skills II, Elementary Arithmetic. Basic Skills for Employment Preparation Typewriting.

Tuesday: Basic Skillls I, Elementary Reading and Language. Basic Skills II, Elementary Reading and Language. Oral English for Leadership Training Typewriting.

Wednesday: Basic Skills I, Elementary Arithmetic. Basic Skills II, Elementary Arithmetic. Basic Skills for Employment Preparation Typewriting.

Thursday: Basic Skills I, Elementary Reading and Language. Basic Skills II, Elementary Reading and Language Typewriting.

## Office Opens For Tenant Complaints

The Housing Authority announced that an area office is now open for the residents of the Hunters Point Area. The purpose of the office is to hear tenant complaints arising from conditions in the projects.

Each area has its own Housing Area Manager. Complaints from any particular area will be directed to the Area Management Office, located at 90 Kiska Road; phone VA 4-2844.

The following are the areas an its managers.

1. Ridge Point & Navy Point Frank Sawyer Manager
2. Hunters View & Hunters Point "B" -- Neilson Bates Manager
3. Hunters Point "A" & Harbor Slope -- James Butler Manager
4. Alice Griffith & Candlestick Cove -- William Oakes, Manager
5. Area Housing Manager Angliee Couvson

The Area Housing Manager and Project Managers can be reached at the Ridge point Management Office, located at 90 Kiska Road. Phone VA 4-2844.

## Study Center At Wilson High Open

Joyce Talal, a faculty member of Wilson High School announced that a Study Center open to all students after regular school hours is now in operation. This project-program will consist of regular tutorial classes as well as consul. Students and all youth are urged to call or go to the school for further information and enrollment in the study center.

## Allums - CO-OP Manager



Mr. Nat Accums New Co-op Manager.

On April the 18th Mr. Nat Allums became the new manager of the San Francisco Neighborhood Cooperative Grocery and Liquor Store, located at 3rd Street and Paul Avenue in the Hunters Point-Bayview District. Mr. Allums was previously employed at the Berkeley Co-op, located at Shattuck and Cedar Streets, for the past three years.

Mr. Allums is a native of Shreveport, Lousiana. He attended High School in Berkeley and Monterey Peninsula College.

This young manager is extremely optimistic concerning the continuing growth potential of the store. He feels that within the next three months the weekly sales have a chance of reaching $25,000. This estimate he bases on the rate that things are now going. But he also pointed out that there is a dire need for more member and general community support. If, for instance every member was to spend at least $10 per week, this would go along way toward making the Co-op a success. Nat also had very high praise for those few members who have so unselfishly given of their time and labor in working with and at the store. If more members would just find it possible to give a few hours once a week or so to assist the operation of their store the whole picture might improve.

## Youth Speaks

By Allen Harrison

This column is written for youth, but the number of youth who read it is questionable. The column is called Youth Speaks because I, a youth, am speaking out on various issues which interest me. But the function of this column is to get the opinion of all of the youth of this community.

If you have any questions, comments or criticism on the community, its activities, or my column, feel free to call or visit the Anti-Poverty Office any time after 4 p.m. on weekdays. The office is located at 1449 Mendell, on the corner of Third and Mendell, or call VA 6-8890 and ask for Mr. Harrison. However, more than calls and visits, your letters will be appreciated. Put your grievances, praise, and opinions on paper and let me know what you think, then sit back and relax and watch for your letter to appear in this paper. I will answer all of your questions to the best of my ability, and if I can't answer them myself, I promise that I know someone who can answer them.

My reason for writing this particular article is this: A bill was passed to keep teenage dancers from extending their dances after 11 p.m. unless the youngsters are accompanied by their parents. In other words, if our Bayview Community Center sponsored a dance that was well sponsored, well publicized and well chaperoned, it could not last any longer than 11 o'clock at night.

I could very well protest this law, but it is not only myself that attends these dances; it is you, also, the youth of San Francisco. Of course, you can still attend dances and late parties and shine this law on, so to speak, but remember that this is a law even though it may be a seemingly unimportant one. It may be subject to enforcement at any time. So sound-off! Write me at 1449 Mendell and tell me what you think of the law, and what might be done about it.

Thank you very much.

## Sex Education

SEX EDUCATION
QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Dear Mrs. Williams:

I have been interested in taking the pills, but I heard that they cause cancer. Do they?

Mrs. G. S.

Dear Mrs. G. S.:

All the available evidence shows the pills in no way cause the development of cancer.

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Dear Mrs. Williams:

I am in my 40's and have a baby two years old; as I have had a lot of children, I do not want any in my change. If I take the pills will the change of life be delayed?

Mrs. A. C.

Dear Mrs. A. C.:

Available evidence indicates that the pills have no effect on the time of the menopause.

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### *Trip Scheduled*

Osceola Washington, Consumer Director, and Community Housing Specialist left Tuesday night for a four day business trip.

## "Red's" Roost

By Sylvester Brown

# Lester To Fight May 2nd

Sylvester Brown is ill; his column will return in the next issue.

Jimmy Lester, the pride of the Hunters Point-Bayview area and known in local circles as the "Bayview Bomber" signed April 21 to meet Mexican Middleweight champ Evarado Armenta at the Oakland Auditorium on Monday, May 2.

Mexico's two greatest knockout punchers are Ricardo Moreno and Evarado Amenta, the Champion.

The only difference, Moreno must knock you out with a volley of punches, not so with Amenta, he threads his punches and can knock you out with either hand, and with one punch.

Lester will be facing his acid test. The Los Mochis Mexican is a better fighter than Chavarin, who staged two ward with Lester. Critics know Lester can fight, but they want to see what happens "when he gets knocked down."

The announcement was made by promoter Don Chargin and Lester's manager, Bill Sanford.

Tickets will be on sale at the Ringside Boxing Club, 413 11th St., Oakland and Newmans Gym in San Francisco. See you in Oakland Monday nite!

# Robert Hunter "Mr. Bob"

On the corner of Fitzgerald and Jennings at the address of 1300 Fitzgerald there is located what at first seems like just an average liquor store, but Bob's H & K Liquors at this address is more than just another liquor store. Upon entering the establishment a community resident is confronted by one of the most unusual and wonderful menageries of items for sale. This store might be better called a super market in the Miniature and then some. It also reminds some of a modern version of the old bygone general stores. And like these colorful stores of the past, there was a certain deep kinship with the community. This too is present, not only can one buy best gin bottled and also a lounge chair, but you can meet Robert Joseph Hunter, the owner of Bob's H & K Liquors.




Bob's H & K Liquors at 1300 Fitzerald

Mr. Hunter is also no ordinary proprietor, this gentleman feels and believes and practices the creed that a business man and merchant has an obligation to serve the community which supports his business.



Mr. Robert Hunter of Bob's H & K Liquors

Mr. Hunter has been in the Bayview area since 1944. When he first came here he worked as manager in the former Littleman's Market called by residents in the Alice Griffith area the "Big Store". He managed this store until 1951 when he acquired the present location of his store on the corner. He has lived all his life in San Francisco and California. He is 39 years old, married and has four children: Jeanette, David, Kathy and Carolyn. His wife's name is Deloris, she is from Santa Clara. The Hunters met in 1948 and were married in San Francisco the following year.

Of some of the many activities that Bob is engaged in with the community, he presently sponsors a bowling team which just recently won a 1st prize in a contest. He is also the sponsor of a fine baseball team with a good chance of also winning a title or two. In conjunction with other merchants and alone he has been the host to a number of holiday parties, such as the recent Easter party, and the last Christmas party held at the Bayview Neighborhood Community Center. He has often worked closely with the Police Community Relations and Officer Gene Simmons in entertaining youth in the community. As an annual affair he has been the host and benefactor for a number of large adult buffet dinners for many members of the local community. He has also worked and associated with the activity of the block clubs and especially contributed to the welfare and activity of the local Alice Griffith Improvement Club. A member of the men's club at Our Lady of Mercy church.

When asked further about community activities, he feels that the block clubs should, where possible, communicate and unite more of the merchants with their club activity and get them to back up the clubs. These merchants, he feels, should be invited to attend local meetings of the neighborhood organizations. "This is a good community, but the papers blow up all the little troubles too much," he remarked. He believes that even more unity in local groups would help fight for a better image as well as solve other problems. An effective IBC, he says, could put pressure on and be able to work with all merchants and demand that they cooperate in programs the people want and need. Lastly, he believes that the Bayview community is improving and years from now all will not seem as bad as it does now, and has been distorted by the downtown newspapers.

Bob's greatest concern is for the youth in the community whom he describes as the "forgotten bunch" who "need to have someone who will show some interest in them." He points out that many more youth programs must be sponsored with the help of other merchants. The fact that there is almost nothing in the way of really good organized recreation on a big and effective scale for the youth. His final plea is that there be more types of job training and education leading to work that can replace the present dull and degrading welfare programs.

# Youth Guidance Center Offers Jobs




The San Francisco Youth Guidance Center at 375 Woodside Ave., 731-5740, recently announced that it is accepting new applications for work through the program of the National Youth Corp. Youth are urged to call the above number for an application and further information. These jobs only pay $1.35 per hour.

# Dispute over Choice of Physicians at General

The following article represents excerpts from the review of a contract with the University of California Medical Center to permit qualified physicians, whether or not members of the University of California Medical staff, to practice at the San Francisco General Hospital shall become in part, a community hospital for the residents of San Francisco.

Section 14000.2 of the Welfare and Institution code, added by Chapter 1784 of the 1965 Second Extraordinary Session of the State Legislature, states in part that "the Board of Supervisors of each county may prescribe rules which authorize the county hospital to integrate its services with those of other hospitals into a system of community service which offers free choice of hospitals to those requiring hospital care. The intent of this section is to eliminate discrimination or segregation based on economic disability so that the county hospitals in the community share in providing services to paying patients and to those who qualify for care in public medical care programs. In prescribing rules under which the county hospital may provide community hospital services described in this section, the Board of Supervisors shall provide a basis under which patients may be attended by their own personal physicians who are professionally qualified for staff membership in the county hospital.

Presently, patients attending San Francisco General are not allowed to have their private physicians. Due to the fact that there is no community hospital in the southeast part of San Francisco, the San Francisco General Hospital is geographically the closest hospital to the large number of low income families and medically indigent persons in the Hunters Point and Sunnydale areas who are eligible for private care under the Casey bill or State Medicare Bill. There are many persons economically well off who would not object to cooperating as a patient with a teaching program in a reputable hospital. Mt. Zion Hospital of San Francisco is a classic example. The choice of becoming a basis for should be left entirely to the patient, and not to the medical profession. According to the Casey bill, medically indigent patients are brought into the main stream of American medical care. The Casey bill also allows the medically indigent person to choose his own physician. Under the present contract between the city of San Francisco and the University of California Medical Center, you can only be attended in San Francisco Hospital by a physician on the staff of University of California. As a result, you are not allowed, as provided for under the bill, a free choice of physician. A general practioner can not serve on the staff of University of California. The private physicians for many if not most minority, low-income people, are not presently on the staff of the University of California.

At a recent medical society meeting, the director of the Department of Public Health stated "that at least 20 per cent of the patients now being seen at the San Francisco General Hospital will be eligible for private care under the Casey Bill.

The present contract between the University of California Medical Center and the city and county of San Francisco gives exclusive control of appointment of the medical staff serving the San Francisco General Hospital to the University of California Medical Center and thus precludes from serving on the medical staff all physicians who are not on the University of California Medical staff.

Unless the present contract with the University of California Medical Center is amended, minority persons who are residents of San Francisco will be denied free choice of physicians in the San Francisco General Hospital as provided by the Casey Bill if minority professional persons are restricted in number from serving on the University of California Medical Center staff.

## Get A Job

The following is a poem written by Miles L. Edwards, a sixth grade student at Jedediah Smith Elementary School. After reading the peom, ask yourself the question: Does this peom degrade the Negro youth?

You may direct your response by letter or phone to the Spokesman Newspaper, located at 1449 Mendell; ph. 826-8890.

GET A JOB!
We Negroes are going to school
not just to act real cool,
But to learn how to get jobs,
And to show others that we're
not slobs.

So boys and girls--
get your schooling and your
jobs;
Prove to all that you're not
slobs!

I know some kids who do no
work;
All they think about is the
"twine" and the "jerk".

Stop doing that "twine."
stop doing that "jerk!"
Get to school and show you
can work

And when you work;
work with a smile!
The work is going to pay you
in just a little while.

By Miles L. Edwards



Few of the pictures shown in the Art Exhibit at the Bayview Community Center.

## Art Show Held At Bayview Community Center

The Hunters Point-Bayview Neighborhood Community Center is currently holding an Art Contest sponsored by the Anti-Poverty Program of the Hunters Point Bayview Area. The contest was organized and directed by Mr. Robert Sims, Editor of The Spokesman, the local Hunters Point-Bayview Community Newspaper.

This contest is closely related to the Cultural Enrichment Program that was recently submitted to the local Economic Opportunity Council Area Planning Board. This is the first time that a show of this nature has been brought to the Hunters Point-Bayview Community.

Some of the purposes of having shows of this nature are to stimulate the development of genuinely talented persons with a professional potential and interest; to provide persons of all ages and backgrounds with an opportunity for creative expression and for the channeling of experiences in the arts and knowledge, understanding, and the appreciation of the wards of such experiences, and to deepen the sense of responsibility, identity, self confidence, poise and social understanding on the part of the individual.

As was previously stated, the center is interested in bringing forth programs of this nature, which is considered culturally enriching to low income neighborhoods. It has been demonstrated and proven that destructive behavior can be transformed through constructive outlets such as this.

Presently, the exhibits are on display at the Bayview Community Center, located at 4705 Third Street.

They will be on display for approximately two weeks.

Four merit prizes and honorable mentions will be given. There is no age limitation. Everyone is cordially invited to come and see the exhibitions. The exhibit will be on display for approximately two weeks.

## We Need Your Help! End Discrimination on Sale of Homes in Serramonte

The Ad Hoc Committee to Integrate Serramonte will sponsor a direct action protest at Serramonte on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1. The time schedule is as follows:

Saturday, April 30: 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 1: 1 to 5 p.m.

To reach Serramonte, take Skyline Blvd. through Daly City to the entrance on King Drive. (There are numerous signs advertising Serramonte along the way.) Participants will assemble at the entrance on King Drive. If you desire further information call: EX 2-3877.

The Ad Hoc Committee
for Fair Housing
in SERRAMONTE

Albert Waters,
Chairman - ACTION

John Thacher

Rev. Howard A. Bryant,
C.I.T.Y.

Betsy Blom

# Assemblyman Brown Says No Alinsky

Assemblyman Willie Brown was asked what he thought about Saul Alinsky coming to the area, at the last NAACP general membership meeting at Hunters Point.

Brown responded by saying, "To bring Alinsky in this community to organize would be foolish".

He stated that the poeple involved should be the only persons running the program along with necessary technical assistance.

Brown is against spending money to bring in Alinsky. He said, "We don't need a Messiah – we already believe in God.

"The Alinsky scheme is a money maker–the people should be given this money, and they could do the organizing themselves", he said.

Another community worker pointed out that Alinsky couldn't tell any more than they already know about community organization. Mrs. Washington then raised the question of the number of indigenous workers in the Alinsky program.

Brooks then pointed out that San Francisco is the only area in the country where there is actual maximum feasible participation, and that Alinsky was certainly not needed under these circumstances.

## Federal Help Expected For Hunters Point

It was recently learned that the Federal Government is expected to announce very shortly that it stands ready to help finance the redevelopment of Hunters Point.

With the government financial aid, this will do away with the old war housing barracks that the Hunters Point residents are living in now. Most of the residents living in Hunters Point are unable to afford homes or pay the high rent for newer and modern apartments.

The decision to subsidize Hunters Point renewal marks a dramatic reversal of a previous Federal stand that the area was not eligible for redevelopment grants.

Previously, Robert C. Weaver, Secretary of Housing and Redevelopment under Johnson's Administration rejected the proposal but he has apparently changed his mind.

Before being appointed to his new position, Weaver based his reasoning on the fact that in 1953 the housing barracks and the 117 acres of land on which they stand was purchased by San Francisco at a bargain price of $467,000. He reasoned that, for the government to grant renewal funds for Hunters Point would result in double subsidy. At the price of the barracks and land purchased by San Francisco, Weaver and his advisors felt that San Francisco was not entitled to any further help for the area.

The expected reversal of this policy, now awaiting Weaver's signature, has not come without pressure.

Mayor Shelley, local redevelopment and public housing officials, and Congressman Phillip Burton and Senator Thomas Kuchel have long hammered away at the ruling. Last year, Burton and Kuchel tried to include into the 1965 Housing Act a measure aimed at winning congressional approval for Hunters Point renewal funds. When this move failed, Burton introduced a separate bill in an effort to get Hunters Point declared as an official redevelopment area.

Success of this bill, still pending before a House Subcommittee, became doubtful when Weaver's department recommended against its passage. As a result, the San Francisco officials decided on another course of action. They compiled a list of housing projects that had been torn down throughout the country and replaced with new housing, with government funds, and decided that to deny San Francisco of the same benefit, would be discriminating against the city.

# Development Corporation Gets Award

The Bayview-Hunters Point Development Corporation was named one of the ten outstanding community groups in the city by the Statewide Homeowners Association of California. The presentation of the award was not made at the announcement, but will be made at some later date.

The award was made to these ten community organizations for their outstanding activities in the past year in creating or preserving a better San Francisco.

The Hunters Point Housing Committee has been characterized by acting as liaison and pressure with civic officials and agencies in its work for the community.

Other groups named - Eureka Valley Promotion, Seward Street Association, Arguello Park Community, Bernal Heights Association, Glen Park Improvement, Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, Merced Heights Improvement Association, Hunters Point Housing Committee, San Francisco Planning and Urban Renewal Association, SPUR, San Francisco Beautiful.

# Group Disturbed Over Legal Assistance Program

An organization called JOBART - Justice on Bay Area Rapid Transit - has been in operation for the past three months. JOBART is attempting to negotiate with the BART - Bay Area Rapid Transit - on the issues of jobs, discrimination in hiring, and evictions.

Several times in the past months, JOBART has held demonstrations and press conferences in attempting to force BART to negotiate and use its resources and power to help, not hurt, the people of the Bay Area.

JOBART consists of representatives of Bay Area civil rights, political and community groups. Groups or persons wishing to join or obtain more information are asked to call EX 2-3877, 437 Market St.



Bayview-Hunters Point students signing up for post office jobs in Anti-Poverty Office.

# SPEAKING OUT

For decades, the government has spent millions of dollars for what one may consider "to cure the ills and discontent of the American Negro." But from time to time it is obviously seen that this effort has in many cases been in vain. In city after city, these "action plans" bog down in confusion and disappointment; and at the same time the ghetto spirit of revolt continues to grow. White America watches in bafflement and asks with horror; what do these people want? Don't they realize how much we're doing for them? The truth is that the white man's programs to help the ghetto cannot succeed as expected. The legions of white law makers, administrators and social workers who devise and run these programs may have the best of intentions, but they make a momentous mistake. They assume that white america's middle-class standards of sexual morality, parental behavior, social propriety and economic success are universal. The fact is that the many Negro slum dwellers know little and care less about middle-class morality. These people have had less direct, personal contact with white life than any other generation in the American Negro History. During slavery, blacks and whites lived side by side in a larval stage of integration, but in urban areas today, the whites have escaped to the monochromatic (one color) beauty of the suburbs. Walk with a Negro Youth in his ghetto environment and if you know where to look, you'll quickly get a taste of the components of his life.

White America says: "let us solve the ghetto problems-the illegitimacy, the delinquincy, the crime. To accomplish this, we will remove legal obstacles to assimilation, grant adequate relief and welfare payments, provide good education and decent housing." Unfortunately, all the gold in whitey's world will produce little more than a childish intellectual exercise until ghetto life is understood. Still baffled by Los Angeles' Watts riots that killed 34, injured more than 1,000 and caused $40 million in property damage last August, whites search unsuccessfully through their libraries of cliches for an explanation. Police brutality, white absentee ownership of more than 70 percent of the dwellings and rejection by California voters in 1964 of a fair housing law all contributed to the explosion, but it was more complex than the editorial writers think.

None of these factors-prejudice, housing, policemen-really explain Watts because they do not take into account one of the most important factors in ghetto life. In essence, the Watts riot was a revolt of the young Negro ghetto males who were attempting to display a sense of manhood that had been denied them by both the whites and Negro Women. To a white, that may sound like vague sociology, but in the ghetto it is real life. Some historians have noted that the American Negro subculture has been matriarchal for generations. The male slave had no role as husband or father; slave law did not recognize matrimony and insisted that fathers of slaves were "unknown". After the Civil War the male took to the road. Not even the Emancipation Proclaimation could lift from him the background that had made him promiscuous and irresponsible.

It has always been easier for Negro Women to find employment than for Negro Men. Today, 56 percent of Negro Women aged 25 to 64 have paying jobs; for white women the percentage is 42 percent. Negro Women consider themselves worthwhile persons, but they see their men in the images of their fathers and brothers who constantly shifted from one menial task to another and mostly sat around the kitchen drinking beer. It is the daughter rather than the son whom the Negro mother brings up to hope for a better life.

Time after time the white man tries to solve specific "problems" of the ghetto and achieves only small victories. He spends millions to build low-income housing projects, destroy the fighting gangs, and finance make-work jobs; but none of this seems to be very effective.

What the ghetto needs immediately is a disproportionate share of all city services. The ghetto needs the best in schools, in police protection, in public utilities, in welfare services, in testing and job training. Ghetto males must be given experience in decision making, which means White America must permit, even assist them to develop organizations competent to exert political influence in their own self-interest. It is a large, order, but the ills of the ghetto cannot be cured with aspirin.

## Jobart Role In Equal Rights

Call BART - 968-1818 at least ten times a day until they meet our demands on Job Discrimination.

No Work - No BART, says JOBART.

After 5 p.m.: Charles Allen, TU 5-3164; Williard Ruby, DE 4-4956; Roger Lapham, WA 1-5536; Adrian Faulk, PR 6-0449.

...JOBART - Judith Dunlap.

## Guidance Center Open

At the last meeting of the Hunters Point-Bayview District Council it was announced that the area Child Guidance Center, formerly located in the Burnette School has now re-opened at #40 Southridge Road.

## Letter to the Editor :

We are the young adults of Hunters Point-Bayview Community, in order to attain and maintain equal opportunity for everyone, must fight with the weapons that we posess. Those weapons are; our will to overcome and those of us who are 21 and over, the right to cast a vote.

The older generation has been and is still fighting to make modifications in the laws, so that the younger generation can feel they are a part of society, and will be able to live clean and decent lives. Now is the time for the young adults to join in unison and take a stand against the opposition. It is true that today we face an overlap in generations, which if we take advantage of this, we could become a great mass of people who could be creators of things that bear the utmost importance in making our lives more complete by gaining happiness.

The Young Democratic Club meets every Monday night at 7:30 P.M., 4705 Third Street. Please come and give your support.

Mr. James Richards
Chairman

## Credit Union

This is a new credit union in our area. It is called the Bayview Hunters Point Credit Union.

Mrs. Bertha Freeman, Consumer Advisor from BAND announced that the group was having its "kick-off day" to solicit members to the new organization.

The charter was received in the second week of April, and the group is now soliciting membership. The membership fee is $1.00, and the cost of a share is $5.00.

All residents of the Bayview and Hunters Point area may become members by paying membership fee and buying shares.

At this point, it was stated that membership is also open to members of the Neighborhood Co-op.

Spokesman for the group, Mrs. Bertha Freeman stated that there would be no lending on the day of the kick-off.

Present Board of Directors are James Williams, Melvin Crittenden, Erving Boultt, J. J. Murphy, Floyd Kilpatrick, Tardie Threat, and Olis Stewart. All are invited to come and meet the Board of Directors.

There are also three committees, 1) The Credit Committee, 2) Supervisory Committee, and 3) Educational Committee.

All depositors and borrowers must be members.

The "kick-off" will be at 369 Northridge Road, Building 36, Section B., from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

## An Open Letter

An Open Letter to:
Bob's H & K Liquors
G & E Liquors
Inspector Eugene Simmons,
Police Community Relations Bureau.
Gentlemen:

Throughout the past years you have shown that you are sincerely committed to the welfare and future of Hunters Point.

Through untold efforts by your agencies, many families and individuals of our community have witnessed a host of experiences that would have otherwise been unrealized. By virtue of your donations and cooperation, hundreds of area youngsters received Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter parties.

Though many of your efforts are done without resulting publicity, there are, nevertheless, many citizens who recognize your continued philinthropic contribution. The Kiska Improvement Club, of the Inter-Block Council wishes to express a sincere thank you to your agencies. Our community is that much richer because of your untiring efforts.

Sincerely yours,
Wilfred Wellington, Chairman
Kiska Improvement Club.

## 'How Many Times...'

As reported in an earlier issue of the Spokesman, efforts were being made through the local Anti-Poverty office to seek out realtors who would cooperate in seeking low income rentals for the large potential of displaced persons in the Hunters Point Projects that are slowly being torn down. But to date only the most negative of possible reactions has been heard from the realtors in San Francisco. With extremely few exceptions their only concern in such matters is the old selfish profit motive. They just could not care less if these poor human beings ever find rentals, because they are only interested in selling for a profit and not renting for the small fees rentals bring. This is evidence of the community awareness and conscience which was demonstrated by the California Realtors Association's earlier support of the Apartheid (segregating) Law known as Proposition 14. Just before the passage of Prop. 14 these same realtors promised that they would work with local communities to cure these and other housing problems. But since then they have demonstrated an increased amount of anti-social activity toward their fellow human beings . . . .Now that Christian Brothers and Schenley Industries have signed agreements with the Delano farm workers (NFWA-Viva Huelga!), turn about seems to be the case. These two companies are now being boycotted by several right wing organizations. Therefore we should probably be hearing any day now to expecially buy the products from the only two companies that the MFWA has made agreements with and at one time had a boycott against. . .If Saul Alinski ever does come into Oakland to organize the poor, the true credit can go to the Birch Society, the City Council, assorted ultra-rights as well as the grand mogul in the Tribune Tower. Their ongoing-hate campaign and diatribe against Alinski can possibly be the best endorsement and reason for the forgotten people of Oakland to ask him to come. . .At the last meeting of the Housing Authority of San Francisco Chief Cahill was given a good lesson in communication and community relations which many persons hope will produce some results. Cahill was verbally spanked by Commission members who objected to the use of Negro or white descriptions when giving reports involving suspects in crimes. One would think the Chief had learned something from the excellent record and performance of his department's Community Relations Units. . .Supervisor Casey has a very short memory concerning his own campaign promises to serve all the people, even the citizens of the Hunters Point-Bayview area. His recent boycott of a Social Services Committee meeting at the Bayview Nieghborhood Community Center was anything but good news to those in this area who voted for him. Its too bad that the only time the residents here will get to see him again is during the next time he is up for election. . .

. . .Recently the Social Security Administration has been exercising a practice that is atypical of so many cold and professional acting 'do gooders'. As a majority of the elderly are aware, Eldercare, the medicare for the aged program is administered by Social Security. Lately it has come to our attention that persons who could prove they where in school before 1900 or married over 70 years ago and so on, were inhumanly turned away as recipients for this program. Why?, because they did not fulfill the arbitrary methods the Administration uses to accept or believe the age of an elderly applicant. These applicants must be over 65 years in most common cases, but in essence if they do not prove their age using one particular means of identity then they are by all logic lying and turned down for any benefits. . .Now that some agree that no out siders should even come into Oakland, one wonders what reason some familiar faces from S.F. are doing there in recent days???????. . . .Why is it that those Supervisors who are against holding official meetings in the districts, such as Hunters Point, can better estimate hypothetically how radical conservatives would use such meetings but cannot recognize honest-sincere motive on the part of the poor.

# Alinsky In Oakland

Since the recent announcements in the daily newspapers there has been some confusion in San Francisco as to the role or possible role of Saul Alinsky and his Industrial Areas Foundation.

The Rev. Dave Knott representing the Presbyterian Urban Department of that church in San Francisco had the following comment. First it "wasn't foreseen that any program would come to San Francisco due to the very nature of the present Poverty program in San Francisco." He added that it was "decided to tack on San Francisco in order to get the necessary vote, and also if Title II of the present Poverty Act were to collapse, there might possibly be some money available to sustain and underwrite the present program.

"Alinsky does not plan nor are there plans that he should come to San Francisco.

"The only intention," he went on, "was to establish a fund to be used for Oakland, and if and when the poor in Oakland through a democratic petition and democratic vote did want to have Mr. Alinsky to organize then would he come, and only then." He reitterated that Saul Alinsky at this time has no plans whatsoever and will do nothing in even Oakland until he is asked by the people he would intend to organize and serve.

"There is no idea yet since only after the preliminary plans are made will there be any go-ahead," he states, and "no idea to take away the base of the present community leadership at the grass roots level but rather the thought is to build it up and tie it in for mass effective power," The intention Rev Knott indicates is to build up all the local groups into one whole mass organization which would have the ability to exercise the most effective power in doing the will of the people it represents.

A training program will be offered free to all persons in the Bay Area who are interested in community organization. This program will give limited class and more field experience since it is thought that others ought to be skilled in organizing. The thought being that all communities, churches, and so on should set up teams of organizers that can be available now and for future tasks. This particular project is independent of any other plans that have been announced. Mr. Alinsky expects to get funds from other independent sources, and it is the only program that he now plans for the Bay Area.

Already a host of negative reactions has come out since the first Alinsky announcements. A small sheet entitled "Do You Want Saul Alinsky In The East Bay?", which charges and alleges that Alinsky is a Communist or has many such affiliations. Further, this and other hate sheets point out that Alinsky and some of his associates being in the Watts area last August, are alleged to have had something to do with the revolt down there. To Alinsky's credit they also mention that he uses such methods as "rent strikes", "taking from the haves and giving to the have-nots", etc.

The organization which Saul Alinsky is from is called the Industrial Areas Foundation; he is the executive director. The purpose of this organization is to create powerful community organizations in urban areas.

Alinsky considers the concepts of the IAF are "rooted in the democratic faith. The IAF addresses itself," he went on, "to organizing the unorganized, the powerless and propertyless so that they can possess both the opportunity and the power to act on all affairs involving their welfare, believing that only through such organization will we have the circumstances whereby a people can designate their legitimate and bonafide representatives who can participate in the decision-making areas of the city as well as the national scene."

He further establishes some of the ethics under which his organization work: "The IAF believes firmly in the dignity of the individual and because of this belief it would never impose its services upon any people, nor would it operate on the basis of a colonial, benevolent paternalism which is so characteristic of the welfare industry of the nation. The IAF only enters a community upon an invitation issued by a broad, truly representative group of the area. This is a basic requirement."

In summation, the purpose of any Alinsky method of organization is to gain and keep power, that is, the ability to act. To build a strong and powerful organization so that the people will be able to call all the shots and as many as those power structures now in operation over the people. The theme then is to combine all those groups with the same self-interest into one single organization which will be built to speak, defend and act equally with the present power structures now in control of blighted urban areas. Therefore Alinsky organizes to have not only power but representation. And such criteria are a necessary requirement if the ghetto is going to gain the 'freedom' it has been fighting so long to acquire.

One primary advantage in the employment of a professional radical organizer is that he can become the scapegoat for the hostility that often otherwise will divide groups, especially new groups trying to organize. Alinsky feels that another and further advantage here is that the professional organizer is trained to take the criticism, harassment and the like, whereas a young organization is protected from this and better able to go on about its business and keep its stability.

An IAF organizer normally resides in a community for about three years. In this period he hires local staff and trains future leaders in order that the people can continue on their own. And, by the time the organizer has left, the people's organization should be entirely self-supporting. It also should possess enough strength and power to decide and get what the people feel is to their best good and welfare.



Left to Right: Assemblyman John Burton, Gloria Jones, Essie Webb, Congressman Phillip Burton, Elouise Westbrook, Oceola Washington, Oreita Eggliston, Robert Simms, and Harold Brooks.

## Dellums Replaces Gallegos

On April 8th Mr. Herman Gallegos Project Director of the Youth Opportunity Center located at 173 Hilltop in the Hunters Point Project terminated his position inorder to work directly for the Ford Foundation. Mr. Gallegos has also been giving much of his time to the work and struggle of the National Farm Workers Association (Viva Huelga!) in Delano and the San Joaquin Valley.

Replacing Mr. Gallegos will be Mr. Ron Dellums who will serve as the Program and Project Director until the program ends in June. Mr. Ernest Howard replaces Mr. Dellums as the new Associate Director.

Mr. Dellums has been Associate Director before taking this new position. He has long worked in and with the community. He is presently also a member of the local Anti-Poverty Area Planning Board.

## Community Worker Is Director Of Band

Mrs. Osceola Washington, longtime active community leader in the Bayview-Hunters Point district of San Francisco, was announced as the area's new director for the BAND program, Congressman Phillip Burton announced today. BAND (Bay Area Neighborhood Development) is a private, non-profit foundation with a "demonstration grant" from the poverty program to develop consumer education, counselling and organization, in four of the Bay Area's low-income neighborhoods.

"BAND is indeed fortunate to have Mrs. Washington as its new Consumer Service Director," Congressman Burton said. "I have known her for many years as a highly-respected, sincere and dedicated worker for community improvement."

Appointment to this position was made by Art Danforth, Band's Executive Director. "Better buying, better borrowing--getting more for your money--these are key weapons in the war on poverty," he said. "Under Mrs. Washington's leadership, we hope to build a strong program of local participation in Bayview-Hunters Point."

BAND's local center is at 1562 McKinnan Avenue. BAND's Consumer Service Directors for the Mission District, also in San Francisco, and for North and East Oakland, are Miss Greta Young and Mr. L. P. Lewis, respectively.

## Liberals Endorse Burtons&Moscone

The Californians for Liberal Representation, headquarters 870 Market St., San Francisco, recently announced their endorsements for public office. Among those mentioned were three local area candidates for office: PHILLIP BURTON for Congress, GEORGE R. MOSCONE for State Senator, and JOHN BURTON for Assembly. Others who received the Liberals' nod were Willie Brown for the Assembly and also William Williams for Secretary of State.

The Board of the Liberals states that it has carefully checked the public record of each of these candidates on foreign and domestic policy. Their decisions were based on the candidates' devotion to the needs and problems of the people and not those of particular special interest groups, big business, party prejudice and the like.

For more information on their program, call 392-3648.

## Harbor Slope Improvement Club

Mrs. Doris Taylor, Chairman of the Harbor Slope Improvement Club announced that they are planning to have a Hot Dog Sale, Saturday April 30 from 12 noon, until. The purpose of the sale is to acquire money for their treasure for support of children's outings and other necessities that may occur.

# NAACP General Membership Meeting Goes Over

At the NAACP general membership meeting held at the Bayview Community Center, April 17th, several community leaders spoke on a panel discussion.

Moderator, Clifton R. Jeffers, Chairman of NAACP Political Action Committee stated at the outset of the discussion that this was a new approach by the NAACP designed to elicit greater community participation.

Harold Brooks started the discussion with a talk on employment. He stated that he sat on the State Personnel Board and was appalled with the hiring policies.

Citing an example where the board in considering applicants for a janitorial job would pass over applicants that had gone from job to job, because said applicants were considered unstable.

Brooks pointed ou that going from job to job doesn't necessarily indicate that a worker is unstable, but in most cases is due to the fact that many minorities have to accept temporary jobs.

Mrs. Osceola Washington spoke on the problems of housing in the Hunters Point area. She stated that this community was making plans to build housing on the hill that would provide for every age bracket and every income bracket.

Washington said that the planned housing program would offset the present force out, and the high rise in rent.

Mrs. Julia Commer spoke on the problems of education in the community. Stating that we have teachers that are dedicated, but many of them are not and are only interested in drawing a salary.

"We need more Negro teachers", she stated, they would at least have a little better understanding of the problems of the Negro. Better counselors are also needed to give our children proper counseling.

Commer who got out of a sick bed to come to this meeting stated that there must also be some changes in the Board of Education.

Assemblyman Willie Brown was the guest speaker of the evening. His speech was centered around how problems in education, housing and employment could be solved through political action.

He started by saying, "Just because you elect representatives to the legislative doesn't mean that you are going to resolve your problems." He said it was difficult to resolve problems through legislation. Community problems should be attacked through community action, and this is the most effective means.

Brown stated that we should not concentrate on electing any one individual but a combination of individuals that represent the people.

Elected representatives should be prepared to go before the establishment in representation of the people.

After several questions from the floor the meeting adjourned.

# Ho Discusses Employment Service Role Problems

Mr. Wilfred Ho, who is the supervisor and coordinator with the California Department of Employment Service, which is connected with the local Youth Opportunity Center, recently gave some idea of the role and employment problems in the community. Since the contract between the YOC and the Ford Foundation terminates in June, the Employment Service will assume full responsibility with the coordination of the programs which will remain connected with the YOC. Such programs as the San Francisco Police Community Relations Unit, Social Services, and Youth for Service expect to remain. Also remaining for the time being are such programs as the Langly Porter clinic and consultant service, members of the central staff of the Employment Service. the U.C. project of Prof. Loman, and the OJT program with some possible expansion. Other programs are still being worked on and some do expect to be funded under the Anti-Poverty program.



Mr. Wilford Ho of the Hunters Point YOC

Mr. Ho has been with the department for six years, and with the YOC for the past three years as a supervisor on the Hill. Before that he started working for the department in San Mateo, then came to the San Francisco office. Wil is a UC graduate with an AB in Psychology. An Army veteran, he served during the Korean War. He was born in Canton, China, raised in San Francisco and attended local schools here in the City.

As to the future, Mr. Ho states that he would like to move off of the Hunters Point hill because the services of the YOC are being expanded to include the Sunnydale area and possibly they could go somewhere on Third Street. Since, he believes, that such a location would be more accessable to more applicants. He also would like to see the YOC open some nights.

Speaking as an individual observer, Mr. Ho had many interesting comments to make concerning job training and employment problems of minorities. Present training programs, he feels, fill only limited needs and demands. The clerical training jobs do satisfy San Francisco business community needs, but leave much to be desired. For instance, young men need and want "a man's job". The young men in our community are being psychologically emasculated because they cannot get the training in jobs men normally do and also because they come from homes with female domination. Therefore these young men don't need or just can't use the training which the YOC now is engaged in. Nor is the MDTA program quite set up to do the job training necessary to solve their problems. And, if that is not enough, Ho points out that the so-called apprenticeship standards are also a stumbling block to the youth seeking training and job experience.

Ho goes on to say that organized labor gives one reason for their lack of approval for such MDTA courses as being "worried" about the possibility of over-training the labor potential and the resultant flooding of such a labor market. But Ho sees this as what might better be termed as a half-truth. He points to the openings in the BARDT and Southern Bridge crossing projects plus the other rising labor needs for the entire Bay area which show an increased need for more job training.

Therefore there is a need to meet the needs of training in more areas and fields of employment. He points to the fact that since the Civil Rights movement, and only since then, most employers claim they exercise an equal hiring policy in job employment. But, of course, then they add the clause "if applicants are qualified". But such statements do not help the youth, nor do they believe the employers. The use of testing and other subtle means are a great factor in keeping minority, especially Negro youth, out of jobs. These tests, whether intended to or not, are "culturally bias".

A high school diploma now means little or nothing, especially those from the San Francisco School District. Tests today, Ho claims, show that some grads receive extremely low scores equivalent to Junior High School performances.

Ho believes that there is then a need for employers to show good faith by hiring people without all the qualifications that they now demand. Such persons that have been referred by agreement with employers have proven their worth where the so-called tests and "qualification standards" had done more to retain a climate of job segregation rather than deciding true qualifications of an applicant.

# M.L.King Calls For Support

Martin Luther King, Jr., in a recent statement to members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference stressed the need for further support.

"Though the 'weight of centuries' was lifted slightly this year," King stated, "when 81 Negroes were entered as candidates for office in the blood-stained state of Alabama.

"This achievement crowned years of patient, dedicated work by our organization, SCLC, in developing registration despite towering opposition. As the smoke of battle receded from Montgomery, Birmingham and Selma the unspectacular work of ordinary Negroes continued through long days, weeks and years. Self-help projects of political education were developed to arm the Negro with the ballot. As hundreds of thousands were transformed into citizens they took a longer step forward and offered their own candidates for the first time in nearly one hundred years."

But he also pointed out, "this proud moment was not enough. The fight...costs money far beyond the resources of Black Belt Negroes, America's poorest of the poor. Earnings of $10.00 per week are not uncommon in these rural southern communities."

King concluded that any contribution "will help make America freer and finer for Negro and white." Check can be sent to the SCLC, 332 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Ga., co/ Martin Luther King, Jr., payable to SCLC.

## Frosty City Auction-Open

On Monday, the 18th of April, at 10:30 a.m. the well known Frosty City malt and short order shop on the island corner of Third-Oakdale-Mendell was sold at auction after being seized for nonpayment of delinquent Internal Revenue taxes. Mr. George M. Biggs, U.S. Revenue Officer announced that the successful bidder was Mr. Joseph P. G. Maltaman, a local Bayview Attorney at Law, 4909 Third St. Mr. Maltaman is also the attorney for the Donaldsons who were the delinquent party involved and who have managed the property. Mr. Maltaman pointed out that he was bidding as an "individual". He did though further indicate on question that it is possible that the Donaldsons may still manage the short order-malt shop.

# Psychiatric Clinic In Hunters Point

Under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Francis Rigney, a new psychiatric service has been available to residents of the Hunters Point area. The Child Psychiatric Clinic, is a branch of the San Francisco Community Mental Health Services. Its offices are located at 186 Hilltop Road. Due to budget limitations, they have not had a telephone installed, but ask that all appointments and further inquiry be made by phoning Klondike 8-3994. A Community Mental Health Service staff member will be at the Hunters Point Clinic from 9:00 to 6:00 on Monday, 9:00 to 2:30 on Wednesdays, and 9:00 to 6:00 on Fridays. This Clinic offers outpatient treatment for youngsters under 18 years of age and will accept referrals from individual families, doctors, or agencies.